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Patent No: US 7,184,074

Issued: Feb. 27, 2007

Patentee: Rolf Jansen

Ser. Nr: 09/232,566

Filed: Jan. 15, 1999

Certificate
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of Correction

Request for Certificate of Correction

Date: 03-07-07

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

New Patentee, Rolf Jansen, pro se, strongly complains to the Patent and Trademark Office that the wording of claim 2 in the patent issued 02-27-07 is changed from the wording stated in the Notice of Allowability, of 12-06-06. The present wording makes the claim easy to evade.

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Attached as Exhibit A is copy of the Notice of Allowability dated 12-06-06. First, quoting from page 2, line 11:

"2. Claims 3 and 4 are allowed. Which were renumbered as 1-2, respectfully."

Then quoting from page 2, beginning near the end of line 18 and continuing through line 3 on page 3:

"; and an assembly of a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera, comprising means for mounting said assembly on the reverse side of a plate, such as a license plate, at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle, so that said camera can see through a predetermined-sized hole put in said plate, whereby said plate-

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mounted assembly conceals said pin-holed lens camera to lessen the risk of vandalism, whereby said camera is located in the ideal position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing, when used in conjunction with a monitor as specified in claim 4."

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Attached as Exhibit B is copy of the last page of the patent, 7,184,074, issued 02-27-07. Quoting from column 16, lines 31 through 40:

"2. An assembly of a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera, comprising means for mounting said assembly on the reverse side of a license plate at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle, so that said camera can see through a predetermined-sized hole put in said plate, whereby said plate-mounted assembly conceals said pin-holed lens camera to lessen the risk of vandalism, whereby said camera is located in a position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing, when used in conjunction with a monitor."

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This wording is inconsistent with the specification. One can see this fault by observing two paragraphs on this same last page of the patent, first beginning at line 1 of column 16:

"The rear plate, to which the enclosure for the micro-video, pin-holed lens camera is mounted, need not be a license plate but could be a plate with a company logo on it, or with a phrase on it, such as Drive Safely."

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Then please observe the paragraph further down the column beginning at line 17:

"Accordingly, the scope of the invention should be determined not by the embodiment(s) illustrated, but by the appended claims and their legal equivalents."

The claim as now written limits the claim to use of a license plate, taking away the clearly stated other embodiments, therefore, making the claim easy to evade.

A claim must be true to the specification, not undermine the specification.

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This error by the PTO is so serious that the patentee will request of his U.S. Representative that an inquiry be made through the liaison office between Congress and the Patent and Trademark Office.

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The patentee requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued at no cost to him.

Attached is the Certificate of Correction form with two additional copies. The patentee has included the entire correct wording of claim 2 as stated in the Notice of Allowability, of 12-06-06.

Future readers of this patent are entitled to read a clearly presented, correctly worded claim 2, not just a mention of substituted phrases at certain lines.

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A Petition To Make Special for reason IV-Applicant is over 65 years of age, was granted on 09-27-04, by the Director

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Office, Technology Center 2600. The patentee is now age 73.

He requests that the issuance of the Certificate of Correction be expedited for said reason; and also because of all possible errors, a major error in a claim, that makes the claim easy to evade, is the most harmful -- eg, persons with money to lend the patentee to buy components veer away. Please issue the Certificate of Correction promptly.

Respectfully,

Rolf Jansen

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TITLE OF INVENTION: TRACTOR/TRAILER BACK UP KIT				

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700	03/06/2007

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

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If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.

B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION-FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or

B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 982 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 982 day extension on the front page.

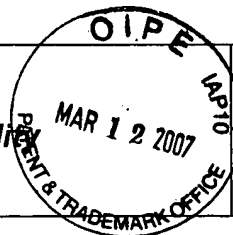
If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Extension is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

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Notice of Allowability



Application No.

09/232,566

Examiner

Tung Vo

Applicant(s)

JANSEN, ROLF

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the second supplemental appeal brief filed 07/17/2006 and the petition filed 11/01/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3 and 4 (which were renumbered as 1-2, respectfully).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Consideration of Petition

1. The petition filed November 1, 2006 has been treated as a request for reconsideration. A review of the file finds that the Examiner's Amendment mailed September 15, 2006 was improper inasmuch as the examiner failed to contact the applicant for the necessary approval of the requested change. Accordingly, the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment mailed September 15, 2006 are hereby VACATED. Similarly, the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed September 15, 2006 is VACATED. This communication replaces the previous Notice of Allowance paperwork. The new period for response has been reset to run from the mailing date of this communication.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3 and 4 are allowed. Which were renumbered as 1-2, respectfully.)
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records does not particularly teach an assembly of a camcorder-type liquid crystal display monitor, comprising means for mounting said assembly to the inner retracted side of a driver's sunvisor of a motor vehicle, whereby said sunvisor, when lowered, allows a driver easy, direct, close-range, sunlight-protected viewing of said monitor screen, as if the screen were a rear-view mirror, when used in conjunction with a video camera, to see to the rear when the unaided view is obstructed as specified in claim 3; and an assembly of a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera, comprising means for mounting said assembly on the reverse side of a plate, such as a license plate, at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle, so that said camera can see through a predetermined-sized hole put in said plate, whereby said plate-mounted assembly

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conceals said pin-holed lens camera to lessen the risk of vandalism, whereby said camera is located in the ideal position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing, when used in conjunction with a monitor as specified in claim 4.

The examiner has considered the phrase, "whereby said camera is located at the ideal position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing," refers to a position that is best, based on objective, logical criteria, which are described in the specification, page 14, beginning at line 17, and page 31, beginning at line 11.

The criteria of the ideal position are:

- (1) "just beneath the bed of the trailer,"
- (2) "at the most advantageous height off the ground"
- (3) "Ideally, the plate should be mounted in the middle at the rear of the motor vehicle, or trailer,"
- (4) "mounted just under the bed of the trailer, at the rear. Here it is protected from rain and direct sunlight."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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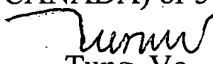
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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-7340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.


Tung Vo
Primary Examiner
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problem of "backing blind", could not have happened but for the improvements in small, LCD monitors, and CCD imager technology allowing the manufacture of the micro-video, pin-holed lens camera with attributes that adapt so well to the motor-freight tractor/trailer rig.

CONCLUSION, RAMIFICATIONS, AND SCOPE OF INVENTION

My two improvements of a closed circuit television system applicable to a motor-freight tractor/trailer rig, or a motor vehicle, to see to the rear when the unaided view is obstructed, are:

1. A sunvisor-mounted case, with a window, for cradling a camcorder-type LCD monitor, to provide protection for the monitor from heat, cold, vibrations, and bright sunlight, to allow a driver easy, direct, close-range, sunlight-protected viewing of the monitor screen, as if the screen were a rear view mirror, while backing up a motor vehicle, or a tractor with attached trailer.

2. A weather-proofed enclosure for mounting on the reverse side of a plate, such as a license plate, located at the rear of a motor vehicle, or trailer, to protect a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera.

These two improvements together meet a long-felt but unsolved need in the trucking industry, namely, solving the problem of "backing blind", thereby (1) avoiding costly accidents, (2) increasing efficiency of making deliveries and pickups, thus, increasing profits, (3) increasing morale of drivers, and (4) making the training of new drivers easier.

While my above description contains many specificities, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the invention, but rather as an exemplification of one preferred embodiment thereof. Many other variations are possible. For example:

A case is a form of covering. A covering could be fixed to the outside of the monitor itself.

The case or covering could be made of a variety of materials that provide insulation.

Means for mounting the case to the sunvisor can vary, e.g., the shape, size, and material of the clip or clasp can vary; the clip or clasp could be attached by an adhesive backing.

The rear plate, to which the enclosure for the micro-video, pin-holed lens camera is mounted, need not be a license plate but could be a plate with a company logo on it, or with a phrase on it, such as Drive Safely.

5 The means for mounting the enclosure on the back side of the plate can vary, e.g., by using machine screws, and washers, rather than epoxy glue, as long as weather-proof integrity of the enclosure was maintained. (I chose to epoxy glue the enclosure to the plate so no screw heads and washers would show on the front side of the plate, to add to concealment.)

The pane that attaches to the front face of the enclosure could be made of another material besides LEXAN XL. The dimensions of the pane could vary.

15 Also the dimensions, material, and color of the enclosure could vary.

Accordingly, the scope of the invention should be determined not by the embodiment(s) illustrated, but by the appended claims and their legal equivalents.

I claim:

1. An assembly of a camcorder-type liquid crystal display monitor, comprising means for mounting said assembly to the inner retracted side of a driver's sunvisor of a motor vehicle,

25 whereby said sunvisor, when lowered, allows a driver easy, direct, close-range, sunlight-protected viewing of said monitor screen, as if the screen were a rear-view mirror, when used in conjunction with a video camera, to see to the rear when the unaided view is obstructed.

2. An assembly of a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera, comprising means for mounting said assembly on the reverse side of a license plate at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle, so that said camera can see through a predetermined-sized hole put in said plate,

35 whereby said plate-mounted assembly conceals said pin-holed lens camera to lessen the risk of vandalism, whereby said camera is located in a position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing, when used in conjunction with a monitor.

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